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SYNOPSIS

Designates October as “Dyslexia Awareness Month” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee on October 13, 2016, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/6/2017)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October of each year as
2 “Dyslexia Awareness Month” in New Jersey and supplementing
3 Title 36 of the Revised Statutes.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is a learning disability that can hinder a person’s
6 ability to read, write, spell, and sometimes speak; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability in
8 children and persists throughout life with 10 percent of the
9 population or one out of every 10 people in the United States
10 suffering from dyslexia; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Dyslexia has affected some of the world’s most famous
12 artists, innovators, and leaders, including Thomas Edison who
13 began his career as an inventor in Newark, New Jersey and opened
14 the first industrial research lab in Menlo Park, New Jersey; and
15 Woodrow Wilson who attended the College of New Jersey, now
16 known as Princeton University, and who served as the President of
17 Princeton University, as the Governor of New Jersey, and as the
18 28th President of the United States; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is identifiable with over 90 percent certainty in
20 children ages five and one-half to six and one-half; and
21 **WHEREAS**, Children with dyslexia who are identified as dyslexic and
22 provided with effective reading instruction in kindergarten and first
23 grade, will have significantly fewer problems learning to read at
24 grade-level than children who are not identified as dyslexic or
25 provided help until third grade or later; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Children with untreated dyslexia suffer devastating
27 personal consequences as it is the primary reason teenagers drop
28 out of school, is a contributing factor to juvenile delinquency, and
29 can lead to adults unable to achieve at their fullest capacity; and
30 **WHEREAS**, Proper diagnosis, early and appropriate intervention and
31 support from family, teachers, and friends will greatly increase a
32 child’s academic success and self-esteem, however it is never too
33 late for adults with dyslexia to learn to read, and to process and
34 express information more efficiently; and
35 **WHEREAS**, October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month,
36 reminding students and their parents that difficulties encountered in
37 living with dyslexia can be overcome with early intervention and
38 can lead to successes in adulthood; and
39 **WHEREAS**, During the month of October, conferences are held around
40 the United States to promote awareness, research, and early
41 identification of dyslexia; now, therefore,
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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
44 *State of New Jersey:*

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted October 13, 2016.

- 1 1. October of each year is designated as “Dyslexia Awareness
2 Month” in New Jersey.
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- 4 2. The Governor ¹~~shall~~ may¹ annually issue a proclamation
5 calling upon public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to
6 observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.
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- 8 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.